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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 50.8 degrees, 10.2 degrees above normal for the week ending November 23. Precipitation averaged 0.77 inches, 0.22 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 22 points above normal.

Reporters rated 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, November 21. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 48 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	3.2	4.1	132.5
2002	NA	3.9	NA
1998-2002	NA	5.5	NA

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	52	48
Last Week	0	1	61	38
Same Week Last Year	NA	NA	NA	NA
1998-2002 Average	NA	NA	NA	NA

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Farmers have 93 percent of **Corn** for grain harvested. This is three days behind 2002 and six days behind the 1998-2002 average. Farmers have 95 percent of **Sugarbeets** harvested.

Field activities were hampered this past week as more rain fell across the state of Ohio. Fields in many areas are too muddy for harvesting and tilling equipment. Most of the corn has been harvested but many of the remaining stalks have been damaged by the high winds. During the down time producers hauled grain to local elevators. Christmas tree growers are busy harvesting trees for the Holiday season. Many Wayne county residents are still cleaning up from the tornados which recently struck this county.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Winter wheat was rated at 79 percent good to excellent condition. Livestock are doing very well and many are still grazing pastures. Many of the farmers are amazed at how long the pastures have grown this year.

This will be the last report for the 2003 season. Next week a summary report will be released.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn harvested for grain	93	95	96	86	95
Sugarbeets harvested	95	100	NA	83	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	17	59	20
Previous Week	0	2	16	63	19
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	49.7	10.6	0.79	0.26	32.82	7.44	30	19	3076	-81
North Central	50.0	10.2	0.57	0.03	31.22	4.94	31	19	3069	-43
Northeast	49.2	9.7	0.67	0.10	37.62	9.39	29	18	2810	-126
West Central	51.8	11.6	0.59	0.03	36.66	9.57	37	23	3264	-46
Central	51.4	10.8	0.45	-0.10	36.03	8.43	38	23	3325	-30
Central Hills	50.0	10.3	0.49	-0.03	35.38	7.62	32	19	3068	-31
Northeast Hills	49.5	9.2	1.02	0.52	36.56	8.95	33	19	3137	-13
Southwest	52.1	10.2	0.59	-0.03	35.72	6.85	45	27	3479	-38
South Central	52.4	9.8	1.30	0.70	39.93	12.43	46	24	3589	-1
Southeast	50.9	9.7	1.12	0.58	37.22	9.45	41	23	3314	-44
STATE	50.8	10.2	0.77	0.22	35.98	8.58	37	22	3230	-46

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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